

THE BLUFFTON PEACE SENTINEL

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CHORAL GROUPS APPEAR HERE

The Bluffton campers had the rare experience of having two well known choruses present programs for them on consecutive Sundays.

BERNE MEN'S CHORUS

On October 19, at 7:30 P.M., the Men's Chorus from the First Mennonite Church at Berne, Indiana, rendered an impressive and beautiful program under the direction of Freeman Burkhalter.

KIDRON MIXED CHORUS

The Mixed Chorus from the Kidron Mennonite Church, under the direction of Frieda Amstutz included Camp No. 13 on its recent week-end itinerary. This group of sixty voices gave a much appreciated program following our Sunday School service on October 26.

In the evening of October 26 the First Missionary Church from Berne gave the camp a spirited service consisting of congregational singing, prayer, quartettes, an octette, testimonies and a timely sermon by their pastor, the Rev. C. J. Garig.

We appreciate these services and wish to thank all who have made it possible for us to hear and enjoy and to profit by them.

Word has just been received of the death of Wm. H. Lehman, father of Carl and Dennis. On behalf of the camp members and staff of C.R.S. Camp No. 13 we extend our deepest sympathy to them and their family.

13 NEW CAMPERS FOR CAMP 13

Our camp director has received word from the National Headquarters that thirteen new men will report for active duty here on Nov. 7. These thirteen men will bring our camp number up to its original strength again, 131 men.

COMING EVENTS

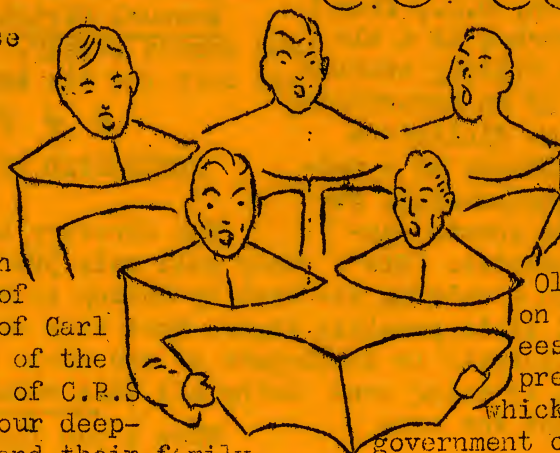
The young people's group from the Clinton Brick Mennonite Church will present the Sunday evening program at the camp chapel, November 2.

The camp quartette will sing in the evening service, November 2, at the Emma Mennonite Church near Topoka, Indiana.

On November 9, the camp will be represented by our quartettes in two communities. Dr. Guy Hershberger will accompany one quartette to the Forks Mennonite Church to give the evening service. Our camp director and another quartette will present the evening program at the First Mennonite Church in Berne, Indiana.

C.O. CONFAB IN CHICAGO

Information has been received at camp of a conference on "The Conscientious Objector in the 2nd World War" to be held at Olivet Institute in Chicago, on Saturday, Nov. 15. Assignees from several camps will be present at the meetings at which prominent pacifists and government officials will speak.



(continued from last issue's article)

SPEED'S KITCHEN MIRROR

We had quite a few guests for dinner last Sunday again, but we are able to accommodate more since the older boys have been released.

To our friends who have donated canned fruit, fresh fruits, potatoes, etc., we thank you and greatly appreciate each and every gift.

Since Willis Hershberger is one of our dishwashers, we have harmonica music wherever we work. He also likes to tell stories.

Paul Kinzer is now our head waiter but he hasn't forgotten his wisecracks.

DIRECTOR SPEAKS IN BLUFFTON CHURCH

Mr. Hartzler spoke at the Sunday evening meeting of the Epworth League Young People's group in the Methodist Church at Bluffton, Indiana, Oct. 19. His subject was "Choosing a Pattern For Life." Pastor Garrison of the Bluffton Church is one of the townspeople most interested in the success of the camp. He helped get permission for campers to use the public library.



WHO'S WHO

LOWELL H.

Who comes from a world famous manufacturing center whose steam shovels dug the Panama Canal and whose turbines harnessed the Niagara Falls? He has been in 24 states, from San Francisco to Washington, D.C., from Canada to Texas. He has worked as a clerk in a R.R. office, as a filling station attendant, as an employee of an advertising agency, and during this time finished a course in welding and metallurgy at a nationally famous school of engineering. Stamp collecting, reading and sports especially football are his hobbies. His chief ambition is to work in a welding experimental laboratory. If it is possible he would also like to participate in South American relief work which is being considered as a probable project for conscientious objectors.

(Last issue's answer: Milo Stalter)

The following is an alphabetically arranged list of the "twenty-eight year-olds and older" who were recently dismissed.

Ivan L. Badertscher, Wooster, Ohio, who managed his own business well enough to have become the camp's business manager after Mr. Frey left.

Carl Chester, Harlen, Indiana, kept the boys entertained with his persistent talk of getting married.

Constance Delagrang, was a well-liked lad and constantly wished he were home again near Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Reuben Esch, this red-headed lad, the pride and joy of Dorm C, hailed from Mio, Michigan.

Streamlined, two-toned Henry Glick, the man from Middlefield, Ohio, really knew his Bible.

Lester Hofstetter, the quietest man in camp, laughed at jokes, but seldom talked returned to Apple Creek, Ohio.

Clifford Hibner, that baldheaded, boarded, congenial, Ithica, Michigan, man is a Christian gentleman in every way.

Duff Jones, this Shipshowana, Indiana, guy, he was a stern man!

Atlee Miller, hailed from the Hartsville Ohio vegetable and muck lands and was considered the camp's undefeated wrestler.

Hartley Rhine, the big tease, is a Woodburn, Indiana, man.

Delmar Stahly, a Danvers, Illinois countryman, aye, a politician, sir! He knew the art of disagreeing and arguing.

Mose Troyer, was a jolly old soul and the chiefest of bed dumpers was he, but he chose to return home to Burton, Ohio.

Sam Troyer, never did say just how he felt except that he hated to leave before his monthly allowance \$1.50 was due. On second thought he decided that Fairview, Michigan was worth the loss.

Emanuel Ulrich, (Manny) slept heavily and snored loudly. He awoke when released and left for his home in Morocco, Indiana.

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INTERESTED IN STATISTICS?

The forestry boys have figured that they will walk 500 miles in one year's time by having to walk to work. They also figure that they will spend ten hours a month or one whole week of their time doing all this walking.

When a man fights, it shows that a fool has lost his argument. Chinese proverb

The Spirit of Nonresistance

by Guy F. Hershberger



WHY AM I A CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR?

Few people would deny that peace is better than war. And it would be easy to marshal a host of arguments proving the folly of war. It can be shown that war originates from evil motives and the selfish policies of nations. Seldom has war solved permanently any important social problem. War always brings great destruction of life and property. Following every war there is generally serious decline in the moral life of the people. One usually leads to another war or something equally bad. Even Gen. Sherman said that war is hell, and was it Ben Franklin who said: "I have never seen a good war or a bad peace"?

But neither Sherman nor Franklin were conscientious objectors. And many others who would subscribe to all the statements above have nevertheless supported war when actually confronted with the necessity of making a decision. Even some actual war objectors frankly state that they would not necessarily be objectors in all wars. Carl Haessler who served a prison sentence during the World War has declared that he refused participation in that struggle because it was war between two groups of capitalist nations. But, says Haessler, he would gladly take part in a war for the overthrow or reform of a capitalist society. Again, there have been many who in time of peace professed themselves pacifists but who under actual test failed to take the stand of a conscientious objector. In most of these cases perhaps the chief reason for the failure of pacifism has been the lack of a secure foundation. Its outlook has been merely human or humanitarian. Its arguments have been too much of a mere intellectual type. It has not been deeply rooted in moral and religious convictions.

The genuine conscientious objector is moved by strong moral convictions. The Christian objector to war takes his position because in doing so he believes he is acting according to the will of

God. This spirit of nonresistance is beautifully illustrated by Maximilian, a young Christian of Numidia, twenty-one years of age. In the year 295 the pro-consul of Africa ordered him to serve in the army and put on a soldier's badge, but he consistently refused. When the officers tried to answer his objections he refused to be moved, firmly replying: "I cannot serve as a soldier; I cannot do evil; I am a Christian". The officials were finally convinced that he could not be moved, so they put him to death. Young Maximilian was one of a long line of Christians who, since that time, have been willing to suffer death rather than to disobey the command of Christ and kill their fellow men. These are the Christian conscientious objectors.

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Recent Visitors....

Three visitors of interest in the camp during the past two weeks were Dr. East, General Director of Mennonite camps; Ted Classen, a relief worker in England; and George Reeves, camp operations man on the National Service Board.

DR. EAST SPEAKS AT MEETING

Dr. East was here Sunday, October 26, and spoke at a camp meeting in the afternoon. Mr. Classen spoke at a Saturday night meeting, October 18. He has been handling food relief in a mobile canteen unit in Birmingham and London, and also has done some work with German refugees in England. Mr. Reeves from the Service Board visited October 22 and 23.

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New Medical Exams

Selective Service will shortly inaugurate "a new plan of 'roving' medical examiners. After the local board exams, and before assignment to a C.P.S. camp, each registrant will have a second medical exam by physicians who will base their exam on the army acceptance standards. Conscientious objectors will have the same consideration as afforded to men in I-A and will thus be certain that men physically unable to perform work of national importance will not be assigned to C.P.S. camps."

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"My peace I give unto you." John 14

EDITORIALS

In a recent editorial the Ft.
Wayne News-Sentinel made the fol-
lowing striking comment:

"What do you think would hap-
pen if this Administration would
be willing to use the same efforts
for peace as it is using at this
moment for "defense"? And what
do you think would happen if it
were willing to pay as much for
peace as it is paying for war?
Some will say "It can't be done";
but Christians dare not be dis-
couraged. The principles given
in the Sermon on the Mount are
real; they will work if tried.
The Master gave us the plan. Why
not put it into effect? Even a
 cursory study of the various fam-
ilies of man from the earliest
times up to 1941, reveals that
man-made plans for peace have ever
failed."

To us these words are strik-
ing because they come, not from
a religious periodical, but from
a large city newspaper. Sometimes
we are tempted to feel a bit iso-
lated here at Camp Bluffton. News-
papers, magazines, and the radio
keep hammering away at ideas and
ideals far removed from that which
we believe and hold sacred. To
find what we believe upheld before
the eyes of a city of 118,000,
makes our hearts beat faster and
our steps lighter as we take renew-
ed courage in that faith for which
so many of our fathers died.

---CML

OUR WITNESS TO CONTINUE THROUGH 1942

by R.L. Hartzler

During the past two months the
question of the future financing and
administration of the Civilian Serv-
ice Camp program has been a leading
consideration in the minds of those
who have been interested in the proj-
ect, as well as those who have been
most actively engaged in its promot-
ion. This question constituted the
underlying theme for the conference
of camp directors and administrative
agencies at Winona Lake, Indiana Sept
ember 1-3.

Longer Period Asked

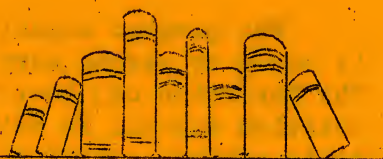
At that time it was agreed to
advise Selective Service that the
service committees would carry on on
the present basis of church support
and administration until January 1,
1942. Selective Service felt that
it should be assured for a longer
period than four to six months as
heretofore. Thereupon the service
committees projected their faith in-
to the future enough to give assurance
that they would continue to carry on
through 1942, as they have done up to
this time.

Answers Question

"What do ye more than others?"
is the question which the public ask
of conscientious objector groups.
This is one positive answer to that
question. In these days of easy re-
liance on governmental assistance,
our readiness to serve the country
in accordance with a conviction, and
to pay the cost thereof, cannot be
without potent affect. Hence the
effective witness to our conviction
will continue.

A thirty per cent Christian
can't be a 100 per cent American.

---Selected



BED DUMPER DELUXE
Ed Brookmyer

There was my bed like struck by thunder
Even found chairs well tucked in under
Heard all my comrades faking slumber
Chose the one culprit from their number

Quick to his bed quite close to mine
Gained a good hold with no confine
Toward the high ceiling drew a line
Flexed my taut muscles tight as twine

Up in the air went bed and all
Out rolled he who caused it all
Covers and mattress struck the wall
None but the floor could break the fall

Up in a flash and to his feet
Looked quite surprised and not too neat
Bed dumps like this! could he compete?
Picked a soft spot and took his seat

On went the lights to clinch his doom
Laughter unequalled filled the room
All was in fun--where fun could loom
No one was prone to share his gloom

FISH and GAME

by Dennis A. Lehman

We will soon have a crew of expert gardeners. They are completing the task of spading the fertile soil of the seven hardening pens. This is a total of approximately two acres. The hardening pens are bird proof, made of chicken netting with a two inch mesh. The ground has to be "plowed" by hand because it is impossible to operate a tractor in these pens. The pens will be seeded for leafy vegetation in the spring. This will green feed for the young pheasants.

HARDENING PENS ???

You may wonder what hardening pens are. Pheasants are taken out of the brooder houses at the age of eight weeks. These birds are not accustomed to the out of doors and are put in the pens to harden them to the sun and rain of late spring and early summer. The birds are given some protection by wooden hovers all the way through the pens.

After four weeks of hardening the pheasants
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FORESTRY PROJECT

by Marvin Aupperle



Big and little improvements continue to be made at the Indiana State Forest. We have an enthusiastic army of laborers, devoting its efforts to the conservation of our natural resources.

SPRINKLER SYSTEM COMPLETED

Troy Lorch's crew of boys has completed a series of projects just lately. The work they have completed includes the water sprinkling system and a soft water system leading from the incubator house cistern to the custodian's residence. They also installed a concrete dipping tank, 6' X 3' X 32", which will be used for washing hatchery trays in the incubator house. Ernest Miller made the form and was complimented upon his good workmanship. A few days ago the boys laid 70 drainage tiles to drain the rain water from the east shelter building into the woods.

SURVEY FOR ARTIFICIAL LAKE MADE

Noah Raber and his eight men aided Mr. Hammond and Mr. Cook in surveying for the proposed artificial lake on the northeast side of the game preserve. Work is now underway. The lake will cover an area of six or eight acres, and will be made up of clear spring water. When completed it will be one of the scenic spots of eastern Indiana.

In the State Park a few boys are tearing down the old fire places which will be replaced with better ones in the near future.

GATHER 400 BUSHELS OF WALNUTS

Ralph Fletcher's crew of boys gathered 400 bushels of walnuts around the countryside. These nuts will be planted next spring in the forestry nursery.

BED DUMPER DELUXE (cont. from col. 1)
(Special Note: If "Fish and Game" hadn't been in the way, this would be #1!!!)

Moral there is to state to you
If in your mind you can't construe
Something about his will to do--
Don't dump a bed for someone new.

KAMPUS KAPERS



Jake Hershberger is a daily visitor in Dorm G. The boys greatly appreciate this and besides, he brings us the fragrant odor of creosote.

Only one married man remains in Dorm B--the position of dorm fireman consequently is his portion. Other dorms might follow in our steps.

The checker board in Dorm F is receiving quite a bit of attention lately. Chris Raber and Levi Kline are the top pellet pushers.

Eli Hostettler says he sleeps so fast that he gets a headache, and he also sings in his sleep.

When it comes to men of self restraint with a profound desire to cooperate Dorm C can loudly boast of Dave Kauffman. Why Dave even claims he likes his three season bed--no spring.

Emanuel Beachy who was released from camp a few months ago, visited the camp last Sunday. He enjoyed being with his old comrades again.

Joe E. Miller, who sleeps near the stove of Dorm E cannot understand why the boys further away from the stove need so much heat. Could it be that he gets too much?

Ed Brookmyer and Norman Bogly were born identical twins; both were born the same day and year, but of different parents.

We are glad to say that Marvin A. is again normal. He received a letter!

Dorm B Obituary

Mr. Mouse died violently.

Dorm F is getting quite a kick out of hearing Joni Yoder talk in his sleep, since he was elected captain of his dorm.

Dorm D now boasts of five men on the camp's kitchen force.

Al Eash has brightened up Dorm D with a bit of aluminum paint neatly splattered on the iron beds.

"When does he sleep" Hershberger, Dorm C's combination earlybird and night owl must have met his "Waterloo" over the week end. The background for such a suspicion comes from the fact that he was found so sound asleep on one, Ed Hostettler's bed, that he had to be threatened with violence before he rallied enough to stumble back to his bed.

Albert Hershberger and Henry S. Miller are the early birds of Dorm E. when it comes to getting up in the morn.

Cloland Gunden spent Oct. 21 and 22 at home to attend the funeral services of his grandmother.

Judson Hill is at home having his tonsils removed.

October 25 and 26 was a quiet week end for Dorm A. Only 3 fellows kept the "home fires" burning.

Eligible bachelors in Dorm D are Shorty, Gerald, Paul, and Kennie.

"First to bed and first up" is Ezra Miller's motto. He is a handy man in that he builds a good fire, always has things to eat, and handles a broom and mop very efficiently.

We wonder if it is a coincidence that the majority of fellows in Dorm B are on week end leaves when their turn at dishwashing comes around. Just in case it was not planned that way and to be sure no one will feel slighted, Dorm B will have an opportunity to reinstate themselves in the good graces of their fellow campers.



are driven into traps and caught with large bird nets. Pheasants twelve weeks old are about half grown and well able to fly if given a chance to escape. Each bird is counted and the cocks and hens are put in separate covered fields for the remainder of the summer, fall, and winter.

THOUSANDS OF PHEASANTS RAISED

The aggregate capacity of the hardening pens is 4,200 birds and the pens are usually well filled during the hatching and growing season. Since there is a complete rotation birds in periods of four weeks, the total number of pheasants hardened in these pens totals up to many thousands.

All eighteen of the laying fields have been sown into wheat. These fields contain $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres apiece. Six thousand laying pheasants with their wings clipped will be transferred from the covered fields into the laying fields in the early spring.

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Ray Gerber, attempting to be a successful rival of Rudy Yoder's Sunday girl friend, met with sudden and blushing defeat.

Laundry Notes

An entirely new group of fellows now cares for our camp laundry. We wonder why some men are so easily persuaded to give up these "white-collar jobs" for forestry and fish and game projects. The new laundry crew consists of John J. Weaver, Albert Jones, Irwin Gingerich, Sam Miller, and Monroe Wengard.

Mechanical disturbances in the washer get us quite perturbed at times--but rumors of a bigger and better machine are in the air and there might be something to it.--We hope-a-hope-a--

JUST TO REMIND YOU

empty your pockets
wash the connection between body
and head
roll down your shirt sleeves
claim your unmarked laundry

Educational Set-Up

by Guy F. Hershberger

This is a continuation of the article in the last issue concerning the camp's educational program.

As a result of their deliberations at Chicago the educational directors under the leadership of Henry Fast, general director of camps, and H. S. Bender, representing the Mennonite Central Committee, formulated and adopted a statement of educational objectives and policies for Mennonite C.P.S. camps. The objectives adopted are as follows:

1. Appreciation of our Mennonite heritage and mission in the world.
2. Understanding the Christian's relation to the state and the community.
3. Deepening Christian experience.
4. Promoting personal growth.

NEW COURSE TO BE PLANNED

It is our plan to organize a new core course continuing through at least six units of six weeks each, designed to cover the purpose described in objectives 1, 2, and 3 above. A syllabus is to be prepared as a guide for students and teachers in offering the course. This core course is to constitute the major contribution of the educational program. The weekly schedule suggested is two successive lessons periods on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, with Monday, Wednesday, and Friday devoted to special activities and interest such as religious, first aid, the job instruction, hobbies and groups, chorus, woodworking, etc., all of which are designed to meet the requirements of Objective No. 4.

It is hoped to make the core course so challenging that every camper will enroll in it. In addition to this an individual camper may take in one or as many of the other activities as time will allow or as he is able to fit into his program. These special interest and activities, however, will be regarded as secondary to the core course which is designed to deal with the fundamental problem of getting the most out of a year or more of experience in group living in camp. And being secondary in importance and varied in character, most of these classes will no doubt be relatively small. The present temporary program at Bluffton will probably continue until about Christmas.

Do You Remember when?

120 fellows waited patiently at the very dining hall doorstep for the bell to ring?

Phil used to tease Ma?

Vera Cruz was "Little America" to us?

Baking powder and cornstarch were interchangeable baking ingredients?

Zehn arrived first anyplace?

Mr. Hartler tucked us all in bed and said "Good-night"?

Miss Ramseyer ate thistles for peppermint?

"We the staff--"

Ray Thomas was engaged.

Eli Hostettler came to dinner with his hair uncombed?

SENTINEL CREATES OWN O. P. M.

The first issues of the Peace Sentinel listed the complete newspaper staff. This has been changed by vote of the group in order to conserve valuable space and improve the general set-up of the paper. We do not want to give the impression that fewer fellows are now working on this project; in fact the contrary is the case. About twenty-five per cent of the fellows in camp make some direct contribution to the writing, typing, mimeographing and assembling of this paper.

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Civilian Public Service :
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Dorm Reporters Change

Some changes have been made in the newspaper staff recently. Wes Slabach takes Joni Yoder's responsibilities as Dorm F reporter. Milo Stalter, one of our newer campers, takes Frederick Miller's place as Dorm G reporter. Our sports writer, Willis Hershberger, will also report Dorm D's activities.

Production Manager Elected

Our editor, Carl M. Lehman, has assumed the new responsibilities of camp business manager and purchasing agent. These added duties necessitated his relinquishing some of the newspaper publishing details he previously cared for. Therefore, the new job of Production Manager was created, and Louis Lock was elected to fill it. It all sounds a little like "Washington, D. C. procedure" but we trust that all will result in the desired improvement of our publication.

GOOD WILL PROJECT COMPLETED

The work project at the Bluffton community cemetery, a good will project to help in making some improvements at the cemetery, was completed on a Saturday afternoon recently. A number of the fellows have given their time on four different Saturdays to help lay the foundation for a drive in a newly-opened part of the cemetery, level off a piece of ground, and put up a fence along one side of the cemetery.

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